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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 5068

PARIS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PK, US
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GHULAM ISHAQ: NARCOTICS

1. I CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL-IN-CHIEF GHULAM ISHAQ
MAY 22 TO RAISE OUR CONCERNS ON NARCOTICS AND OTHER
SUBJECTS (SEPTELS). I LEFT WITH HIM A BIREF PAPER
(POUCHED TO NEA/PAB AND S/NM) DESCRIBING THE PROBLEMS OF
PROLIFERATING HEROIN LABS, AND INCREASING OPIUM PRODUCTION.
IN MY ORAN COMMENTS, I URGED RAPID ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE
HEROIN LABS AND POINTED OUT THE POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT
TO THE GOP OF CONTINUED INACTION IN THE FACE OF APPROACHING

INTERPOL MEETING SCHEDULED HERE ON JUNE 18.

2. ISHAQ RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT NORMALLY DEAL WITH
NARCOTICS MATTERS (WHICH I TAKE TO MEAN THAT IN THE
GENERAL INERTIA IN THE GOP ON THE SUBJECT, IT HAS SUCH
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A LOW PRIORITY THAT IT DOES NOT COME TO HIS ATTENTION).
ISHAQ BLEW UP THE USUAL SMOKESCREENS ON THE DIFFICULTIES
IN DEALING WITH THE TRIBAL AREAS. WHILE HE LISTENED
CAREFULLY TO MY ACCOUNT OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH
GEN. ZIA AND OTHER SENIOR MLA OFFICIALS AND THE COMMITMENTS
THEY HAD MADE TO SHUT DOWN THESE LABORATORIES, HE HIMSELF
MADE NO SUCH COMMITMENT. WHEN I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT

A NEW LABORATORY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE SETTLED AREA (ISLAMABAD 5017), HE OPINED THAT THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THAT ONE. (WHEN HE LEARNS THAT IT IS LOCATED IN THE NOTORIOUSLY LAWLESS GADOON DISTRICT, HE MAY HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS.)

3. COMMENT: I DOUBT THAT I MADE DECISIVE HEADWAY ON THE HEROIN LABS OR ON THE PRODUCTION PROBLEM. GIVEN ISHAQ'S KEY POSITION IT IS USEFUL, HOWEVER, TO HAVE HIM SENSITIZED TO THE ISSUES AND OUR INTEREST. I BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR THE DEPT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE HEROIN LABS WITH AMBASSADOR YAQUB AGAIN IN SOME DETAIL. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE DID NOT CONVEY OUR CONCERNS VERY CLEARLY OR FORCEFULLY FOLLOWING THE LAST CONVERSATION WITH HIM ON THE SUBJECT.
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